



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: Kazuo OKADA Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0046  
Application No.: 10/697,238 Examiner: R. Hsu  
Filed: October 31, 2003 Art Unit: 3714  
For: GAMING MACHINE Confirmation No.: 9021

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 8-13 are added.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)